

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3578 - SB 3382

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires batterer's intervention programs to be certified by the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council when attendance is included in a protection order granted to protect the petitioner from domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault. Authorizes the court to require a person convicted of the offense of stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated stalking, or any offense in which the victim falls within the definition of a domestic assault victim to complete a batterer's intervention program certified by the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council as a condition of his or her probation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Authorizing the court to require a person convicted of certain domestic assault offenses to attend a certified program will not result in any additional cases or additional hearing time for the state and local court systems. Any cost can be accommodated within existing state and local resources without an increased appropriation.
- Requiring batterer intervention programs to be certified by the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council will not have an impact on state or local resources.
- The Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (TCADSV) staffs the Council. According to the Coalition, any increase in batterer intervention programs being certified will not result in a significant increase in expenditures for the Coalition.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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